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## Milestone reached in winter storm recovery for six California Counties

**Pasadena, CA.-** Following a March 8 Presidential Disaster Declaration for six California counties, 350 projects have been identified for possible Public Assistance (PA) grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

Federal and state recovery officials project \$45 million in costs for those projects.

The work identified includes debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair or restoration of public facilities damaged by severe winter storms, flooding, debris and mud flows that occurred between January 17 and February 6 in Calaveras, Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Siskiyou counties

FEMA and Cal EMA have concluded 110 Kickoff meetings to discuss the damage and scope of work for PA grants with representatives of agencies in the six counties plus agencies from the State of California.

The Kickoff meetings are a milestone in the recovery progression. They establish objectives for obtaining assistance for the applicants and set deadlines intended to ensure timely progress toward project completion.

To be eligible for PA grants, work must be a result of the disaster, be located within the designated disaster area and be the responsibility of the applicant. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, tribal nations and certain private nonprofit (PNP) organizations that provide an essential governmental service.

There are two types of work eligible for reimbursement through a PA grant: emergency work and permanent work. Emergency work may include reimbursement for debris removal and emergency action taken to protect lives or property. Permanent work may include reimbursement for repair or restoration of public facilities such as roads, bridges and public buildings.

FEMA reimburses eligible applicants for 75 percent of their eligible costs. Cal EMA reimburses an additional 18.75 percent of the costs incurred by city and county agencies and special districts, with a remaining local share of 6.25 percent.

*FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.*

*The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) coordinates overall state agency preparedness for, response to and recovery from major disasters. Cal EMA also maintains the State Emergency Plan, which outlines the organizational structure for state management of the response to natural and manmade disasters.*

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